Patient Safety Harm Scale

Death - Death at the time of the assessment.

Severe Permanent Harm - Severe lifelong bodily or psychological injury or disfigurement that interferes significantly with the functional ability or quality of life.

Permanent Harm - Lifelong bodily or psychological injury or increased susceptibility to disease.

Temporary Harm - Bodily or psychological injury, but likely not permanent.

Additional Treatment - Injury limited to additional intervention during admission or encounter and/or increased length of stay, but no other injury. Treatment since discovery, and/or expected treatment in future as a direct result of event.

Emotional Distress or Inconvenience - Mild and transient anxiety or pain or physical discomfort, but without the need for additional treatment other than monitoring (such as by observation; physical examination; laboratory testing, including phlebotomy; and/or imaging studies). Distress/inconvenience since discovery, and/or expected in the future as a direct result of event.

No Harm - Reached patient, but no harm was evident.

Near Miss - Event occurred but did not reach patient.

Unsafe Condition - Potential event - Any circumstance that increases the probability of a patient safety event.

